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TAGS: CFED, SZ

SUBJECT: US-SWISS SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSION

REF: BERN 2569

1. DEPARTMENT IS TRANSMITTING FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. BEGIN TEXT:"SSA HAS RECEIVED SWISS PROPOSALS FROM EMBASSY BY MAIL ON JUNE 6 AND EXPRESSES THANKS FOR EMBASSY'S PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. THE PROPOSED US VISIT WAS ONE INTENDED FOR STUDY OF THE SWISS PROGRAM AND ITS ADMINISTRATION PRELIMINARY TO ACTIVELY RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THESE MATTERS WOULD PROMOTE AND ACCELERATE THE NEGOTIATIONS. SSA AGREES, THEREFORE, WITH EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL IN BERN 2569 OF MAY 30 THAT VISIT BE POSTPONED SINCE A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE SWISS PROPOSALS OF REVISIONS TO THE EARLIER US DRAFT REVEALS THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES ESPECIALLY IN THE COVERAGE AND

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BENEFIT PROVISIONS. TIME BETWEEN NOW AND DATE OF PROPOSED ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND IS INADEQUATE TO PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS.

SSA WILL ADVISE SOON OF SCHEDULED NEGOTIATIONS IN US (BALTIMORE).

2. "IN VIEW OF CANCELLATION OF EXPLORATORY VISIT, A

SECOND ROUND OF MEETINGS MAY BE NEEDED AFTER SSA  
TECHNICIANS HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR  
WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE SWISS SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTERING  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

3" PLEASE INFORM SWISS OFFICIALS OF CONTENTS PARAS ONE AND  
TWO. " END TEXT VANCE

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